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The Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr. Majority Leader United States Senate Washington, D.C.

Dear Howard:

On July 25, 1984, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence met in a closed meeting of the Full Committee to discuss the so-called eight-year "rule," and other matters related to Committee organization, activity and staffing. Following that meeting, I asked the staff to draft a summary which would assist Members in further defining their views on these subjects. A copy of that summary is enclosed for your information.

Howard, let me start off by saying that I don't believe we are going to be able to get a Joint Committee on Intelligence. being the case, when the new Leadership of the Senate selects new Members to replace some of the ten we may lose through the eightyear "rule," I would like to see us go back to the A, B, C system where a man who only has two years to go is not appointed for eight years, and so forth and so on. This will, to a large extent, eliminate the rather dreadful situation we face next year where we may have to break in ten new Members on a Committee that requires much more sophistication and knowledge than we ever dreamed when we wrote Senate Resolution 400.

I don't think of any other recommendation that I might make that would require action by the Senate. There are some actions that can be taken by the Committee. Excellent suggestions have been made by the Members, and I am going to recommend, through correspondence with existing Members, that they carry on and enact into our rules those suggestions made by some of the senior Members like Dan Inouye.

Now, because stories by a number of columnists around this country, the Intelligence Committee has been painted in what I would call a rather bad light. These stories say we are full of leaks. Committee is not due that kind of treatment. The Senate Committee has an excellent record on security. I am afraid that the media

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are going to have a field day with the Intelligence Committee, which I think has performed as admirably, if not better than most our Committees that we have on our side of the Capitol. I say that not because of my leadership, but because of the excellent Membership, the excellent staff and the excellent record we have established.

This leads me into my next statement to you, and I say it with all sincerity because I have been one who has lived with intelligence through war and peace, and I prize intelligence very, very highly. We cannot operate as private citizens, we cannot operate as politicians, as professionals, as businessmen without intelligence, and, above all, we cannot operate as a country, particularly in this world today, without real honest-to-God, down-to-Earth intelligence. I think our CIA has grown into one of the finest intelligence gathering instruments in the world

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So having relieved myself of these thoughts, I will proceed with the final few months of my Chairmanship knowing that come January 3, 1985, I will no longer have this important responsibility.

With best wishes,

Barry Goldwater Chairman

